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Melba Moore



Nell Carter



Harolyn Blackwell

1999 Guest Artist Series Continues

After a wonderful beginning during February, the 1999 Guest Artist Series will continue throughout March. Audiences were already treated to exciting and energetic performances during the first half of the series. Keiko Matsui, Freda Payne, Janie Fricke and Connie Stevens filled DAR Constitution Hall and delighted crowds with their unique styles of entertainment.

The second half of the series promises to be just as enjoyable. Melba Moore will return to the Guest Artist Series to perform her own show on March 7. (She appeared during last year's series, sharing the stage with The Miracles.) On March 21, opera star Harolyn Blackwell will appear, assisted by WRC-TV's Susan Kidd and the Duke Ellington School for the Arts Show Choir. For an electrifying finale, Broadway and television star Nell Carter will join The Band on March 28.

All of this amazing talent is presented free to the public. Concerts take place at 3 p.m. in historic DAR Constitution Hall on 18th Street between "C" and "D" Streets in northwest Washington, D.C. No tickets are required and doors open at 2 p.m., so come out and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to enjoy a variety of world-class entertainment.

YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION WINNER IS ANNOUNCED

The United States Air Force Band is pleased to announce that clarinetist Mark J. Dubac from Columbia, Md., is the winner of the 1999 Colonel George S. Howard Young Artist Competition. Mark studies with renowned clarinetist Sidney Forrest, and has won other solo competitions.

The other four finalists in the competition were trumpeter Sean Maness from Angleton, Texas; euphoniumist Joshua Daniel Orchard from Walkersville, Md.; euphoniumist Glenn Wilkinson from Burlington, N.C.; and tubist Grant Harville from Verona, Wis.

Tapes were received from across the country, with performers on every instrument entering the competition. The finals were held Saturday, January 9 at Bolling Air Force Base. The judging committee for this round were made up of members from The Concert Band. Dubac will perform with The Concert Band on Sunday, March 21 at 3 p.m. in DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

Repertoire and dates for the competition are announced each April. Information about this competition appears on The Air Force Band Home Page and in many national music publications. Complete information may also be obtained by telephoning MSgt Lucille J. Snell at 202-404-8363.